



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SHIMANUKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1724

Application No.: 09/764,391

Examiner: C. Bushey

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For: HUMIDIFIER

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 9, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for three months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 7, 2002 from September 7, 2002 to December 9, 2002 (December 7, 2002, having fallen on a Saturday).

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fee for the discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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